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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION - KISSINGER VISIT

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1. ALL PAPERS ON AUGUST 22 DEAL WITH TWO MAJOR SUBJECTS:  
BEGINNING OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S ME TRIP AND SECOND PART OF  
PRESIDENT SADAT'S INTERVIEW PRINTED IN LEBANESE WEEKLY AL-  
HAWADITH.

2. ON BASIS OF WIRE SERVICE COVERAGE FROM JERUSALEM, AL-AHRAM  
REPOTS THAT SECRETARY'S DISCUSSIONS COVERED "UNRESOLVED ASPECT  
OF SECOND DISENGAGEMENT ACCORD ON EGYPTIAN FRONT" AND THAT  
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SECRETARY, AS STATED BY U.S. SOURCES, "WILL EXPLORE, DURING

HIS NYALKS WITH ISRAELIS, POSSIBILITIES OF SECOND ACCORD ON  
DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES IN GOLAN." AL-AHRAM ADDS THAT, IN  
TEL AVIV, SENIOR AIDE TOLD PRESSMEN ABOUT "GOOD CHANCES FOR  
REACHING NEW EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI INTERIM ACCORD DURING SECRETARY'S  
10-DAY ME SHUTTLE." MEANWHILE, AL-GOMHURIYA PREDICTS THAT,  
DURING HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SADAT FRIDAY, SECRETARY  
WILL DISCUSS "FINAL DETAILS REACHED DURING TALKS WITH ISRAELI  
OFFICIALS THURSDAY."

3. ALL PAPERS REPORT PROTESTS INSIDE ISRAEL AND SUSPECTED  
ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON SECRETARY'S LIFE. HEOTH AL-AHRAM AND  
AL-AKHBAR REPORT DAYAN'S OPPOSITION OF PROPOSED INTERIM ACCORD  
"IN ITS PRESENT FORM." WHILE ALL PAPERS COVERED  
ALLEN'S APPEAL  
TO ISRAELIS TO RECEIVE SECRETARY IN PROPER MANNER. AL-AHRAM  
FRONTPAGES TWO-COLUMN PHOTO OF DEMONSTRATORS CLIMBING LADDER  
TO BREAK INTO ALLON'S RESIDENCE.

4. PAPERS ALSO COVER SECRETARY'S PREDEPARTURE STATEMENTS ON  
WEDNESDAY. PRESS GENERALLY REFERS TO HIS STATEMENT THAT PEACE  
IS NEEDED IN ME MORE THAN ANYWHERE ELSE. ACCORDING TO AL-AHRAM,  
SECRETARY HAS "RENEWED HOPES THAT SINCERE AND STRONG DESIRE  
FOR PEACE WILL OVERWHELM TENDENCIES FOR WAR." AL-AKHBAR IN-  
DICATED THAT SECRETARY ALSO VOICED HIS SATISFACTION WITH EGYPT'S  
STAND  
DURING RECENT MONTHS.

5. PRESS ALSO REPORTS ON PROSPECTS OF U.S. AID TO ISRAEL. IN  
HIS PREDEPARTURE STATEMENTS, ACCORDING TO CAIRO PAPERS, SECRE-  
TARY EXPLAINED THAT SIGNING ACCORD IS CONDITION FOR RESUMPTION  
OF MILITARY AID TO ISRAEL. SPEAKING IN TEL AVIV FEW HOURS  
BEFORE SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL, AL-AHRAM AND AL-GOMHURIYARPOINT  
OUT THAT DINITZ SAID IN TEL AVIV PRIOR TO SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL,  
THAT "TO GREAT EXTENT, WE HAVE ACHIEVED CONSIDERABLE UNDER-  
STANDING ON ECONOMIC, MILITARY AND POLITICAL ASPECTS OF ACCORD."  
QUOTING AP, AL-AKHBAR REPORTS ISRAEL IS ASKING U.S. FOR \$2,800  
MILLION WHEN IT SIGNS NEW ACCORD, IN ADDITION TO FURTHER  
COMPENSATION FOR LOST OIL.

6. AS PUBLISHED IN ALL PAPERS FRIDAY, SECOND PART OF PRESIDENT  
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SADAT'S INTERVIEW TO AL-HAWADITH WAS POLITELY CRITICAL OF USSR.  
SADAT USED REMARK BY NASSER TO EFFECT THAT SOVIETS BASE THEIR  
ATTITUDES ON VIEWS OF PEOPLE IN LEBANON "WHO KNOW NOTHING."  
SADAT NOTED THAT BEFORE HIS CORRECTIVE REVOLUTION IN MAY  
1971, "EGYPTIAN COMMUNISTS HAD ACCESS TO SENSITIVE STATE POSTS."  
SADAT EMPHASIZED THAT SITUATION IN RESPECT TO USSR HAS NOT  
CHANGED SINCE HE EXPELLED SOVIET EXPERTS IN JULY 1972. HE,  
HOWEVER, CAUTIONED THAT IT WILL TAKE EGYPT 20 YEARS TO REPLACE

SOVIET ARMS IN EGYPT WITH WESTERN EQUIPMENT BECAUSE WEST DOES NOT PRODUCE ON SAME LARGE SCALE BASIS. SADAT ALSO SAID THAT "COMMUNIST PARTY IN EGYPT HAS NEITHER WEIGHT NOR POWER," AND CHARGED COMMUNISTS OF SPREADING RUMORS ABOUT BUREAUCRATIC CORRUPTION IN EGYPT.

7. EDITORIALY, COLUMN BY AL-AHRAM'S EDITOR-IN-CHIEF ALY HAMDY EL-GAMMAL SAYS PALESTINIANS HAVE RIGHT TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS, BUT BLAMES THEM FOR "GENERATING BASELESS CHARGES ABOUT EGYPT." IN FRONTPAGE COLUMN, AL-AHRAM'S BOARD CHAIRMAN IHSAN ABDEL-KODDOS ATTRIBUTES PROTEST DEMONSTRATIONS IN ISRAEL TO MILITARY NATURE OF INTERIM ACCORD, AS ISRAEL WILL WITHDRAW FEW KILOMETERS WITHOUT POLITICAL RETURN. KODDOS EXPLAINS THAT ISRAEL IS ASKING FOR ENDING OF BOTH STATE OF BELIGERENCY AND ARAB BOYCOTT AS POLITICAL RETURN FOR SIGNING. AL-AHRAM'S MAIN EDITORIAL SPEAKS ABOUT EFFECTIVE U.S. ROLE IN SETTLING ME ISSUES SINCE IT CAN EITHER DEPRIVE ISRAEL OF ARMS OR FLOOD IT WITH THEM. AL-AHRAM'S CARTOON SHOWS ISRAEL TELLING SECRETARY THAT "OUR CHILDREN AND NATION ARE NOT FOR SALE -- FOR LESS THAN \$THREE MILLION." AL-AKHBAR'S MAIN EDITORIAL CHARGES ISRAELI COMMUNICATION MEDIA OF UNDER-MINING ARAB FRONT AND "EXPORTING" SPLITS TO ARABS.  
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